

Folk Arts in the Parks





The Folk Arts in the Parks (FAP) program will host events and activities featuring the finest traditional artists, representing the rich and diverse communities of Washington State.



Makah Days Parade



Folk Arts in the Parks will produce a series of concerts, bringing groups like Mariachi Huenachi to perform in parks around the State.



Chan Moly Sam



FAP will produce workshops, such as a gathering of hundreds of Cambodian dance and music students at Fort Casey State Park for a weekend of study with master teachers.



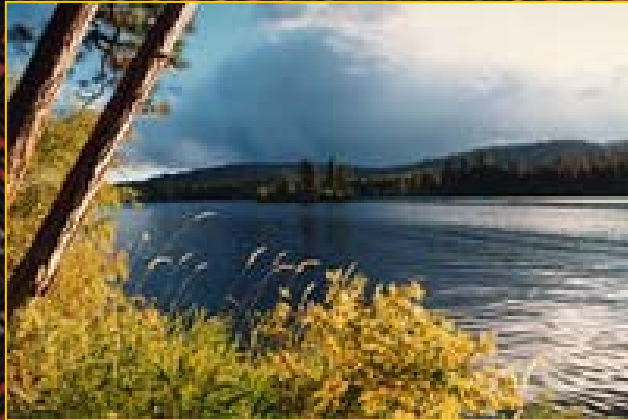
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Evening performances, in conjunction with the gathering, would draw audiences from around the State.

FAP will host conferences and gatherings, including The Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association's (NNABA) annual Conference at Curlew Lake State Park, near the Nez Perce and Colville reservations.



Basket by Nettie Jackson, Klickitat



Views of Curlew Lake State Park



Lena Dunston, NNABA Member



The NNABA Conferences bring together master weavers from around the Northwest, and help young weavers to increase their skill.



Basket by Mary Leitka, Hoh



Fort Worden State Park



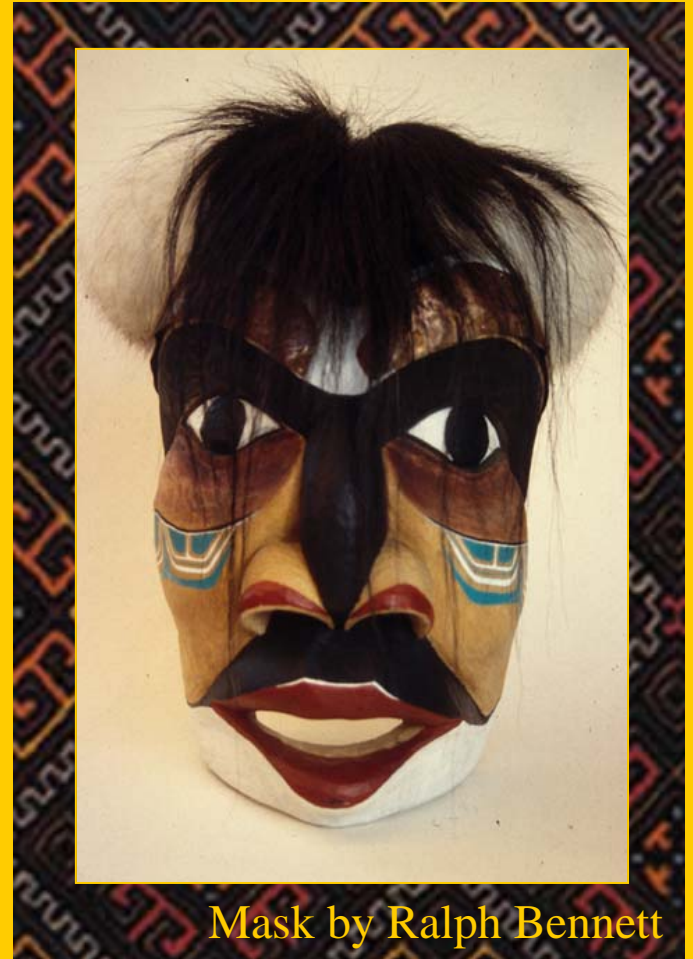
Box by Pete Peterson, Sr.

FAP will create and circulate such exhibits as “Northwest Native American Woodcarving,” which will debut at the Northwest Native Woodcarver’s Gathering, held at Fort Worden State Park.



David Boxley, Tlingit

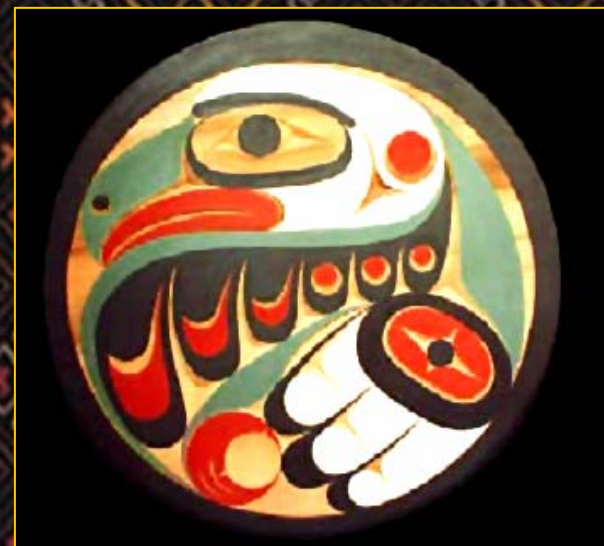
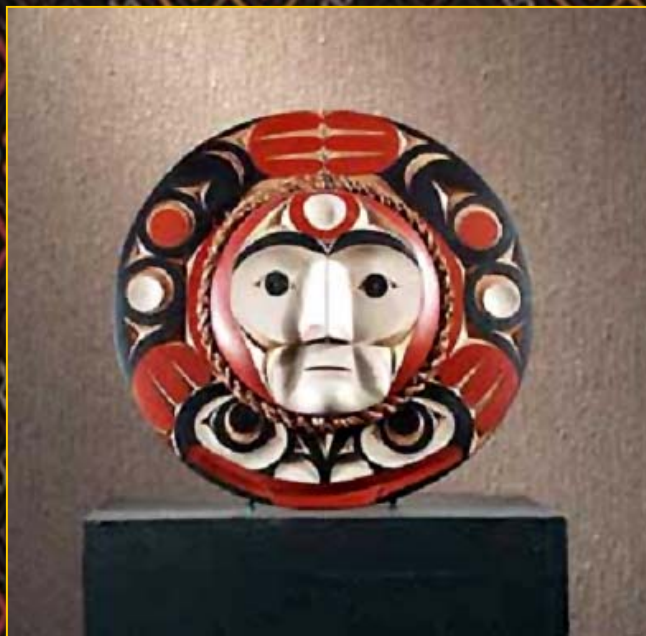
The Gathering brings together master woodcarvers Ralph Bennett, David Boxley, Greg Colfax, Pete Peterson, Israel Shotridge, and many other renown Native artists.



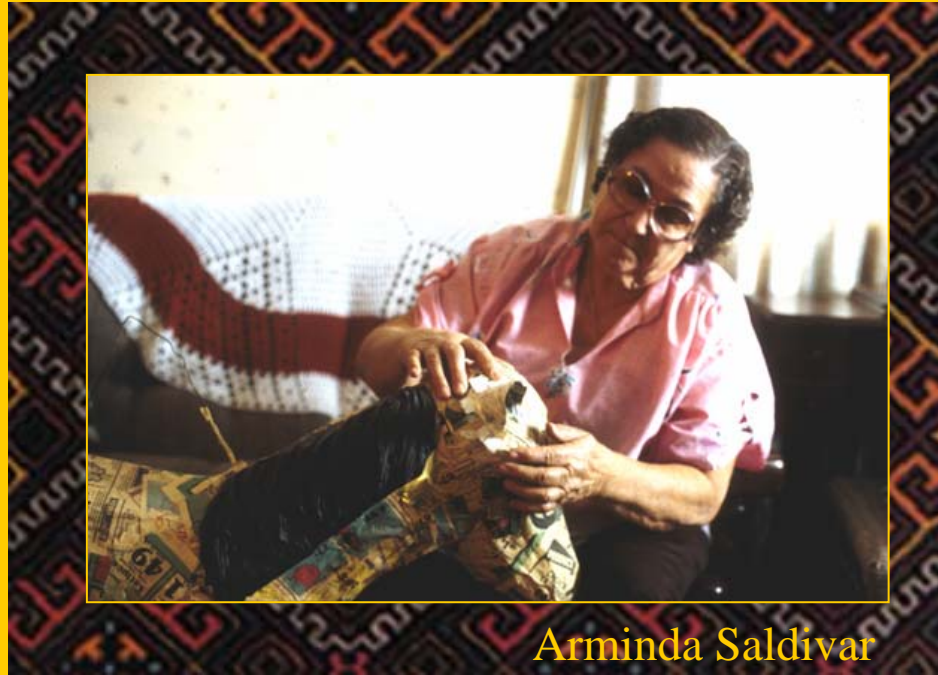
Mask by Ralph Bennett



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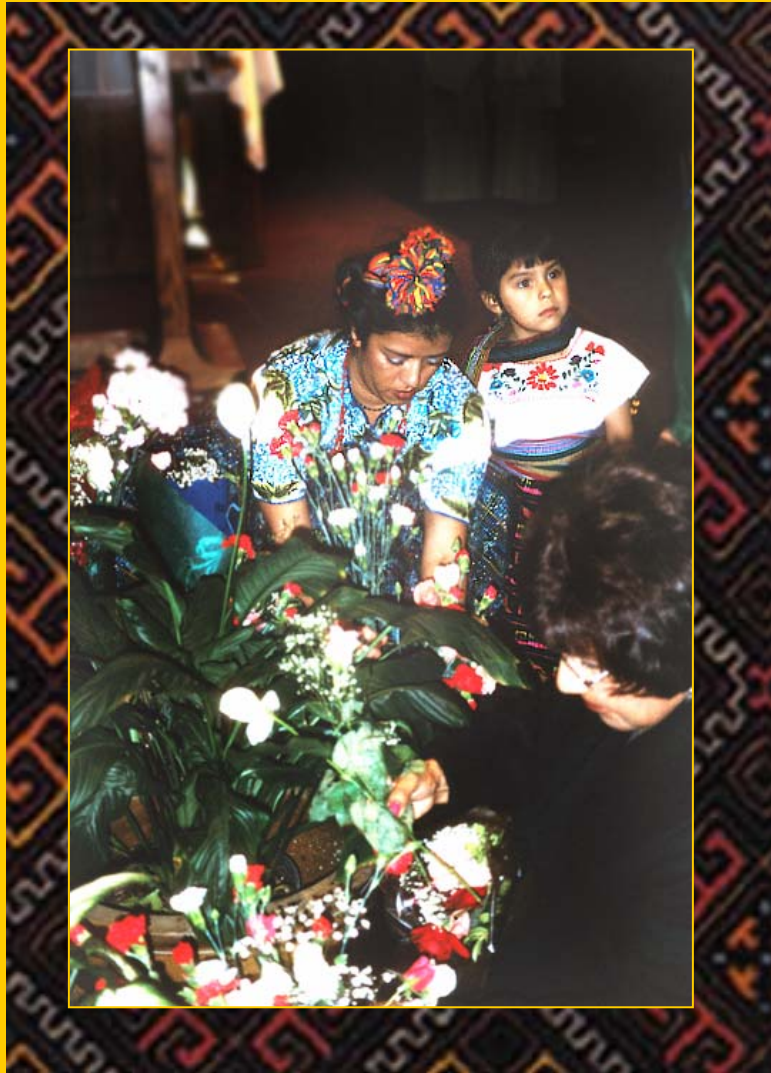
Carvings by Ruth Wilbur



Arminda Saldivar

Folk Arts in the Parks will present demonstrations by such master artists as Arminda Saldivar of Othello, a Mexican folk artist known for her piñatas and traditional paper cutting.





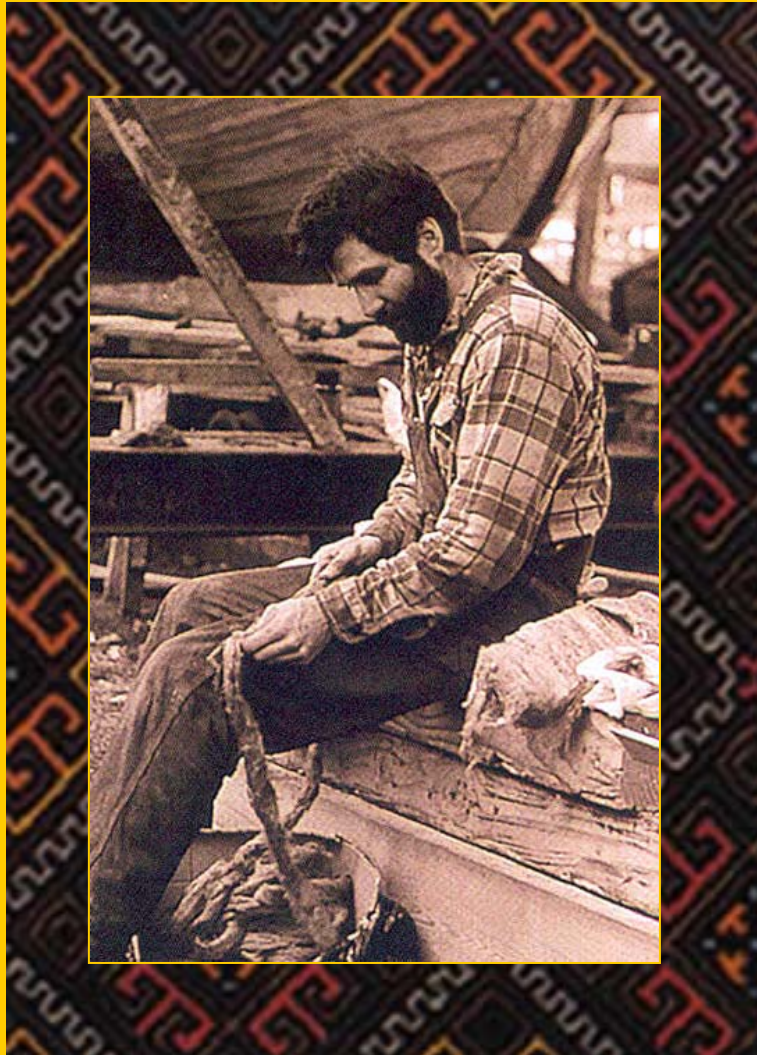
Community festivals like *Dia de la Virgen de Guadalupe* will be held at parks such as the Riverside Park in Spokane.



The *Dia de la Virgen de Guadalupe* (The Day of the Virgin of Guadalupe) is celebrated in early December and is considered the most important Hispanic festival of the year, perhaps even more important than Christmas.



From *Dia de la Virgen de Guadalupe*



Puget Sound maritime
folklife will be
featured as the
permanent exhibit at
the newly-created
visitor's center at
Moran State Park on
Orcas Island.



The Lady Washington



Blake Island State Park

These Folk Arts in the Parks events will help present and preserve the richness of Washington State's varied folk arts traditions.



Member of Rising Son dance group



Fort Canby State Park